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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1300.17

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: ASSIGNMENT OF WOMEN IN THE
NAVY

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1300.12A
(b) OPNAVINST 6000.1A
(c) Marine Corps Order (MCO)
1300.8, Marine Corps Personnel
Assignment Policy (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To provide specific guidance for the permanent and temporary assignment of women in ships, squadrons and other units of the Navy.

2. Background. Reference (a) establishes policy in the Department of the Navy for the assignment of women to ships, aircraft and units of the Navy.

3. Policy

a. Officers and enlisted women in the Navy will be assigned to sea and shore duty commensurate with their capabilities and qualifications to the maximum extent practicable under the Combat Exclusion Law (Title 10 USC 6015) and the Department of Defense Risk Rule.

b. Women will be assigned duties which they can fulfill in both peacetime and wartime situations. Women will continue to serve in their assigned billets in the event of mobilization or national emergency, except as directed in paragraph 103j of reference (b).

c. All shore and neutral duty activities are available for the permanent assignment of women.

d. Permanent assignment of women to non-combat units may be precluded because of

inadequate berthing, e.g. ship alterations to berthing compartments not scheduled because of the age of the vessel.

e. Women will be fully integrated into the commands to which they are assigned, without a separate chain of command.

f. With respect to sea duty in ships, aircraft, and other sea duty units, women members:

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(1) Will be permanently assigned to duty in tenders, ammunition ships, combat stores ships, fleet oilers, repair ships, salvage ships, submarine rescue ships, hospital ships, cargo ships, an auxiliary aircraft landing training ship, and vessels of a similar classification, including ships of the Military Sealift Command, not expected to be assigned a combat mission.

(2) Will be permanently assigned as pilots, naval flight officers, mission specialists, and aircrew in aviation squadrons that do not have combat missions, and as ground support personnel in any land-based squadron.

(3) Will be permanently assigned to other non-combat units which qualify as sea duty. Units which perform their duties aboard combatant vessels on a temporary additional duty (TEMADD) basis, such as mobile training teams and inspection teams, are available for the permanent assignment of women.

g. Temporary Additional Duty (TEMADD)

(1) Women may be assigned temporary additional duty to any ship, aircraft, or unit in the U.S. Navy not expected to execute a specific combat mission during the period of temporary duty. While ship and squadron deployment mandates higher readiness conditions, deployment in and of itself is not considered expectation to execute a combat mission.

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~~(2) Women assigned TEMADD to a ship or aircraft required to execute a combat mission will be disembarked, if feasible, prior to execution of such mission.~~

(3) Temporary additional duty assignment of women to ships and squadrons is strongly encouraged for the performance of their military duties (e.g. training and inspection teams) and professional training (e.g. Personal Qualification Standard (PQS), warfare qualification, and rate training).

(4) Periods of temporary additional duty shall not exceed 180 days.

(5) Women will be assigned temporary additional duty without restrictions such as minimum or maximum number, requirement for an officer or petty officer in charge, escorts, or special berthing compartment watches.

(6) Commanding officers will provide temporary berthing accommodations for the women temporarily assigned. The accommodations will be commensurate with rank or rate; exceptions can be made by the commanding officer. Sleeping quarters must be separate from males. Head facilities may be provided on a time sharing basis. Locks will be provided on doors of heads to ensure adequate privacy.

(7) This policy applies to female members of all U.S. military services and the U. S. Coast Guard assigned temporary duty to a U.S. Navy ship or squadron.

h. The assignment and deployment policy for Navy women in support of the Fleet Marine Force is as directed by enclosure (11) of reference (c).

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RMKS/1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NAVADMIN IS TO PROMULGATE CHANGE ONE
TO REF A, EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF UNITS ELIGIBLE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT
OF WOMEN.

2. ACTION. MAKE THE FOLLOWING PEN AND INK CHANGES TO OPNAVINST
1300.17.

A. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3F(1) TO READ: WILL BE PERMANENTLY
ASSIGNED TO DUTY IN TENDERS, AMMUNITION SHIPS, FAST COMBAT SUPPORT
SHIPS, FLEET OILERS, REPLENISHMENT OILERS, SALVAGE SHIPS,
REFRIGERATED STORES SHIPS, SUBMARINE RESCUE SHIPS, HOSPITAL SHIPS,
CARGO SHIPS, TRANSPORTS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMAND SHIPS, AMPHIBIOUS
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COMMAND SHIPS, TRAINING SHIPS AND SIMILAR VESSELS NOT ASSIGNED A
COMBAT MISSION AS A PRIMARY MISSION. WOMEN MAY ALSO BE ASSIGNED TO
NUMBERED FLEET STAFFS WHICH DO NOT ROUTINELY DEPLOY ONBOARD
COMBATANTS. A COMBATANT IS DEFINED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
INSTRUCTION AS A UNIT, VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT WITH A PRIMARY MISSION TO

SEEK OUT, RECONNOITER, AND ENGAGE AN ENEMY.

B. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3F(2) TO READ: WILL BE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED
TO MARITIME PATROL SQUADRONS AS AIRCREW AND IN GROUND SUPPORT
POSITIONS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SQUADRON IS
ASSIGNED COMBAT MISSIONS. WOMEN OFFICER AVIATORS MAY BE PERMANENTLY
ASSIGNED WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS TO ALL AVIATION SQUADRONS REGARDLESS OF
TYPE MISSION. WOMEN, OTHER THAN OFFICER AVIATORS, MAY BE ASSIGNED
PERMANENT DUTY IN SQUADRONS WHERE SUCH ASSIGNMENT WOULD NOT REQUIRE
THEM TO EMBARK, OTHER THAN TEMADD, IN COMBATANT VESSELS.

C. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3F(3) TO READ: WILL BE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED
TO OTHER NON-COMBAT UNITS WHICH QUALIFY AS SEA DUTY. WOMEN MAY ALSO
BE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO UNITS, SUCH AS INSPECTION AND MOBILE
TRAINING TEAMS, WHICH PERFORM THEIR DUTIES ABOARD COMBATANT VESSELS
ON A TEMPORARY (TEMADD) BASIS.

D. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3G(2) TO READ: WOMEN ASSIGNED TEMADD TO A
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COMBATANT VESSEL REQUIRED TO EXECUTE A COMBAT MISSION WILL BE
DISEMBARKED, IF FEASIBLE, PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF SUCH MISSION. WOMEN
OFFICER AVIATORS ASSIGNED TO A SHIP AS PART OF AN AVIATION UNIT ARE
EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT AND MAY REMAIN ONBOARD A COMBATANT
VESSEL EXECUTING A COMBAT MISSION.

3. RELEASED BY R. J. ZLATOPER, VADM, USN.//

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